SUBJECTS.

the Ettumanur—Lalam Road to the sugar manufactory at Punnathura ;

(2) the road, 2 miles long, from Ettumanur to Arattukadavu *via* Perur ; and

(3) the road, 3 miles long, from Mannanam to Kypuzha *via* Neendoor.

He also requested that the temple *chira* should be deepened and improved.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

87. The need for more roads in the Kottayam taluk.

Mr. A. N. Krishna Pillai (Member, Kottayam taluk) said that, of the roads already sanctioned by the Government, some were not taken up as yet, while others were not satisfactorily progressing. The construction of the Thiruvathukkal—Illikkal Road had not been taken up yet and nothing was being done towards the construction of the Kottayam—Kumarakam Road. The Member requested that the roads might be taken in hand at once. He also requested that the roads from Thiruvarpu and Kumarakam should be repaired immediately and a bridge constructed at Illikkal.

Dewan's reply.—In regard to the Illikkal road, a sum of Rs. 500 has been sanctioned this year for land acquisition. The lands will be acquired this year and the work taken up next year. For the Kottayam–Kumarakam Road, there is a provision of Rs. 5,000 in the current year's budget, which will be spent.

88. The improvement of the water communications in the Kottayam taluk.

Mr. P. M. Chacko, B. A. (Member, Kottayam taluk) requested that four suitable bridges should be constructed in place of the four culverts on the Main Central Road between the 92nd and the 95th milestones in the Mariappalli and Mulamkuzha karas in the Nattakam proverthy. He said that those culverts were the chief openings for the passage of water that accumulated in the surrounding paddy fields. They did not at present afford convenience for the transport of agricultural implements by boats. He next requested that a canal connecting Channanikad with Mariappalli should be constructed to afford facilities to the cultivators of *punja* lands. The canal, if constructed, would convey the surplus water immediately to the river and save the paddy fields from unusual floods. It would also afford considerable facilities for boat traffic. The Member also prayed that the Government might be pleased to expedite the construction of the Nalumnakal canal already sanctioned. In conclusion, he added that it would be well if the Dewan Peishkar and the Executive Engineer of Kottayam be asked to make a joint report on the necessary land and water communications in the Kottayam Division and the Director of Agriculture be asked to report on the comparative advantages to the ryots from the proposed bridges over the existing four culverts.

Dewan's reply.—The Dewan Peishkar will be asked to report on the several suggestions of the Member.

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